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Dear Parents,

I know many of you are concerned about how long schools will continue to be partially closed. It would be lovely to have some certainty. I cannot wait for everyone to be back in school and know that many of you wish the same. Schools have no additional information to that circulating in the media. As soon as I have clear guidance, I will share it and our plans with you.

Many of you will know that we have had a few confirmed cases of Covid-19 in the foundation stage setting (Nursery and Reception classes). The setting has been deep-cleaned and the doors are shut so that we can be certain that it is safe to reopen on 1st February.

Staffing continues to present challenges as staff juggle teaching in school whilst planning for remote learning. Some staff are self-isolating, some are absent due to illness and some are juggling considerable home commitments as well. Thank you for your understanding.

I know that many of you, who are working from home and supporting remote learning, are also tasked with the impossible, juggling many roles. Please just do what you can; we understand how difficult it must be.

Staff have received their Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) equipment. I hope that the regular testing of staff will support school in being able to break any chains of transmission.

I have forwarded you a letter from Councillor Guy Renner- Thompson. It outlines a number of competitions organised in celebration of International Women's Day that your child may be interested in entering. If they are, this could be in place of home-learning activities. Make sure they let their teacher know they are entering.

Next week is the charity Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. They provide lots of activity ideas and signpost to organisations that can offer help and support.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

The Local Authority Padlet has also been updated:

https://padlet.com/nies1/acknowledging_experiences

Parent telephone consultations are now available to book on Teachers2Parents.

Take care

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